



July 15, 1999

Mr. Gregory T. Simpson
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Texas General Land Office
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OR99-1965

Dear Mr. Simpson:

You have asked whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 125724.


The Veteran's Land Board (the "VLB") received a request for certain application contracts, a copy of a file, and complaints concerning a particular developer.¹ It is our understanding that most of the information requested was provided to the requestor. However, you assert that one document, which was submitted to this office for review, is in part protected from disclosure under section 552.107(1) of the Government Code. Section 552.107(1) protects from disclosure information that reveals client confidences to an attorney or that reveals the attorney's legal advice, opinion, and recommendation. *See* Open Records Decision No. 574 (1990). We agree that section 552.107(1) excepts from disclosure the last two paragraphs of the memorandum dated March 17, 1997.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts

¹We note that the original request was received on April 1, 1999, but you indicate that the requestor modified her request on April 9 to the documents indicated above. Gov't Code § 552.222(b)(governmental body may discuss request with requestor to clarify request and narrow request to information actually sought). Thus, your request for a decision is timely as to the modified request.

presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth H. Soucy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ruth H. Soucy
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Encl. Submitted documents

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